

SENATE No. 2137**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to regional transit authorities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester
Stanley C. Rosenberg	Hampshire and Franklin
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Benjamin B. Downing	Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester
Gale D. Candaras	First Hampden and Hampshire
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
James E. Timilty	Bristol and Norfolk
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Michael J. Rodrigues	8th Bristol

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Daniel E. Bosley	1st Berkshire
Richard T. Moore	Worcester and Norfolk
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
William Lantigua	16th Essex
James Cantwell	4th Plymouth
David M. Nangle	17th Middlesex
Karyn E. Polito	11th Worcester
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
John J. Binienda	17th Worcester
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

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Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to enable the several regional transit authorities to provide continued service to many areas of the Commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary there shall be a special
2 commission to investigate and study the feasibility of transferring employees of all regional transit
3 authorities into the coverage of the group insurance commission as well as providing for authorities
4 established under Chapter 161B of the MGL's a means to directly operate a mass transportation service.

5 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of the following members as follows: the Secretary of
6 Administration & Finance or their designee, the Secretary of Transportation or their designee, the
7 Executive Director of the Regional Transit Authorities, a representative from the regional transit
8 authorities employees union, a representative from the group insurance commission, two members of the
9 senate to be appointed by the Senate President, one member of the senate to be appointed by the Senate
10 minority leader, two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
11 House, one member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the House minority leader.

SECTION 3. The secretary for administration and finance shall lead said study, which shall examine the costs and benefits of moving employees of all regional transit authorities to the coverage of the group insurance commission as well as the cost and benefits of maintaining said employees in their current health insurance system and comparing said findings. Additionally the commission shall research the feasibility of repealing provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 161B of the MGL's relative to the operating of mass transportation service. Said secretary shall report in writing the findings and recommendations of said study or studies to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than December 1, 2010.